



**2010**

**14th Annual Indiana GAL/CASA Conference**



**Together We Can**

**Saturday, October 16, 2010  
Indianapolis Marriott East  
7202 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Registration Open —7:45 AM**

**Hosted By The  
Indiana State Office of GAL/CASA  
Indiana Supreme Court  
Division of State Court Administration**

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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

**Attention GAL/CASA Directors:** Please duplicate this form and give it to your volunteers and staff! Fees may be paid with one claim voucher or check. Please do not mail cash. We cannot accept credit card payments. If at all possible, please mail all registrations from your program or office to us at the same time. Individuals may register themselves by sending a personal check as well. **Registration for this year's conference will be \$40.00.** All registrations must be post-marked by October 1, 2010; on-site registration will not be available. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, AND USE ONE FORM PER PERSON:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I REQUEST A VEGETARIAN MEAL

Please check and complete information for the following:

\_\_\_ GAL/CASA VOLUNTEER \_\_\_ BOARD MEMBER \_\_\_ DIRECTOR  
\_\_\_ STAFF \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

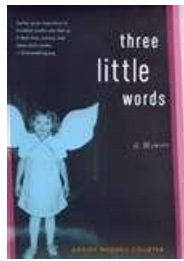
NAME OF YOUR GAL/CASA PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: Allen County CASA, Advocates For Children, Inc., Boone County GAL/CASA, etc.)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**No registrations will be accepted after 10/1/2010. The State Office will not "sell" or trade cancelled registrations for attendees or programs. Once you have registered, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.** Please do not fax, call-in or email registrations to our office. Payment or county claim voucher must accompany registration forms. Please call 1-800-542-0813 with questions.

**MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**INDIANA STATE OFFICE OF GAL/CASA  
30 South Meridian Street; Suite 500  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**



### Opening Session: 9:00 AM—Liberty Hall

**Keynote Speaker: Ashley Rhodes-Courter** Ashley Rhodes-Courter was born in North Carolina in 1985 and entered foster care in 1989. Over the next nine years, she lived in 14 placements before being adopted at age 12 by Phil and Gay Courter of Crystal River, Florida. In 2003, the *New York Times Magazine* published her grand prize winning (out of 3,000 high school entries) about her adoption day. She expanded her essay into a memoir, *Three Little Words*, which was published by Simon and Shuster. Ashley graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida in 2008. She was the recipient of the Eckerd's Trustee's Scholarship, their most prestigious full-tuition award. She has won several other national and local scholarships. She completed a double major in communications and drama with a double minor in political science and psychology. In 2007, she was one of 20 college students selected for the USA Today All-USA Academic Team. She also was one of four GOLDEN BRICK Award winners for outstanding advocacy by Do Something, and was named one of *Glamour Magazine's* Top Ten College Women. Ashley has been featured on Montel Williams, Good Morning America, and other national and local television shows. She has spoken to over 100 audiences nationwide. Ashley has a passion to tell her story and share hope with other foster children and encourage adoption and permanency.

### Highlighted Planned Topics and Sessions Throughout the Day:

- The Reunification Process  
--Barry Salovitz, Casey Family Programs
- Guardianship as Permanency
- Domestic Violence
- Foster Youth Panel
- Social Networking and the Youth We Serve
- Working With Older Youth  
--Independent Living  
--Transitioning From Foster Care  
--Fostering Futures
- Report Writing
- Diversity
- Advocating For Infants
- Back by Popular Demand—*Why Unpack My Bags You are Just Going to Move Me Again*

### Hotel Information

If you are planning on arriving in Indianapolis on Friday evening, and would like to reserve a hotel room, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Marriott East for the conference rate of \$94.00. **Individuals are responsible for making and paying for their own hotel reservations. Reservations must be received by the hotel on or before Tuesday, September 14, 2010.** You may call the Marriott Hotels and Resorts toll free at their central office at 800-228-9290, or the Indianapolis Marriott East directly (and probably the preferred method) at 317-352-1231. Reference the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual GAL/CASA Conference when you call to reserve a room.

### Parking

There is plenty of free parking at the Marriott East! It would be most convenient for you to drive around to the back of the hotel, and park in the lot of the Conference Center. Enter under the awning, and Liberty Hall and the registration tables will be right at the bottom of the stairs. For handicap accessible entry to the conference, please either use the front entrance of the hotel, or use the ramp and far rear entrance of the Conference Center for safe and easy access. Driving directions to the hotel are located on the next page.



## **DIRECTIONS TO MARRIOTT INDIANAPOLIS EAST**

### **From**

I-69	(From Ft. Wayne, Anderson, Muncie) 69 South to 465 South to Exit 42-US-36 turn right on Pendleton Pike, then left on Shadeland, and left at 21 <sup>St</sup> Street; hotel is on the left
I-74W	74 West to 465 North to Shadeland Avenue North. Turn right on 21 <sup>St</sup> Street; hotel is on the left
I-74E	From Illinois – 74 East to 465 South to Shadeland Avenue North. Turn right on 21 <sup>St</sup> Street; hotel is on the left
I-65	Either North or South – take 70 East to Shadeland Avenue Exit (89), turn right on Shadeland & left at the 1 <sup>St</sup> intersection (21 <sup>St</sup> Street); hotel is on the left
Hwy 31	From either direction – take to 70 East to Shadeland Avenue (exit 89), turn right on Shadeland, & left at the 1 <sup>St</sup> intersection (21 <sup>St</sup> Street); hotel is on the left
Bloomington	37 North to 465 East to Shadeland Avenue North turn right on 21 <sup>St</sup> Street; hotel is on the left
I-70E	70 East to Shadeland Avenue (exit 89), turn right onto Shadeland & left at the first intersection (21 <sup>St</sup> Street); hotel is on the left
I-70W	70 West to exit 91, turn left on Post Road, then turn right on 21 <sup>St</sup> Street; hotel is on the right.
Chicago/ Lafayette	65 South to 70 East to Shadeland Avenue (exit 89). Turn right onto Shadeland, then turn left at 1 <sup>St</sup> intersection (21 <sup>St</sup> Street); hotel is on the left